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SUBJECT: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR REPRESENTATION

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1. IN REPLY TO A-THOMAS LETTER OF AUG 23, RECEIVED SEPT 5, REF AIR ACCURATELY REPORTS \$1068 OUT-OF-POCKET REPRESENTATION COSTS DURING FY-74. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY OFFICERS SPENT ABOUT \$4500 OUT-OF-POCKET FOR NECESSARY ENTERTAINING WHICH COULD NO BE CLAIMED AS REPRESENTATION--MOSTLY FOR VISITING U.S. GOV'T OFFICIALS, AND ABOUT \$2000 WHICH WAS PAID BY OTHER SOURCES (DEPT OF COMMERCE AND U.S. BUSINESSMEN FOR VISITING TRADE MISSIONS).

2. CIRCUMSTANCES HERE WHICH NECESSITATE MORE FUNDS INCLUDE INCREASE OF EMBASSY OFFICERS FROM 9 TO 11 DURING FY-74, INCREASE BY 2 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO BRATISLAVA IN FY-75, INCREASE IN FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT PRICES BY 40-60 PERCENT DURING FY-74, DROP IN VALUE OF DOLLAR HERE BY ABOUT 25 PERCENT DURING LAST 3 YEARS, AND EXPANSION OF EMBASSY-WIDE TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM--THE LATTER ONLY PARTIALLY PAID BY COMMERCE.

3. THUS INCREASE OF \$1600 REQUESTED BY REPAIR REPRESENTS REAL NEEDS OF POST.
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